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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Mrs. K. Joshua, Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, K. R. Achyutan, C. J. Luiz, H. J. Walmesley and N. V. Subbarayan Chetty were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PRISONERS IN THE CENTRAL JAIL—CLASSIFICATION OF—RULES REGARDING

172. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the present jail rules do not make any difference between an ordinary C class prisoner and a political prisoner;

(*b*) whether they propose to frame rules giving political prisoners separate treatment from those of ordinary criminals and giving equal treatment to all prisoners alike?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) There is no difference between an ordinary C class prisoner and a political prisoner of the same class, according to Jail Rules.

(*b*) No.

173. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are insisting all the C class political prisoners to wear jail dress;

(*b*) whether they are contemplating to change the dress of all prisoners (political) into mundu (മുണ്ട്) and shirt instead of drawers, shirt and cap?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, in respect of B class political prisoners only. The proposal has been approved by Government. Steps are being taken to amend the Jail Rules accordingly.

174. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that long delay is often caused in passing orders by Government on the recommendation of convicting Magistrate's classification of prisoners into B and C and that the convicts are treated as C class only, by jail authorities until Government orders are communicated to them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No recommendation to Government is necessary in respect of C class prisoners. In the case of those who are recommended for B class, there is no avoidable delay on the part of Government. Moreover, the Superintendent, Central Jail, has been instructed to treat such prisoners in the class to which they have been recommended pending orders of Government. Consequently no inconvenience is caused to B class prisoners.

DECISIONS OF RETURNING OFFICERS—PRESENTING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

175. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any member of the Legislative Council has brought to the notice of Government about the conflicting decisions of the Returning Officers of the Mulakunnathukavu and Trichur (Women) constituencies in connection with the rejection of the nomination papers of Mr. M. T. Joseph and of the allowing of the nomination paper of Mrs. M. R. Menon for the last bye-election;

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(*b*) whether Government have given any ruling on the issue raised in the matter of interpretation of the rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.

CENSUS FIGURES—POPULATION IN CERTAIN VILLAGES

176. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

ഫുൾഡ്-ലെ കാനേഷുമാരി കണക്കുപ്രകാരം നെമ്മാറ, വല്ലങ്ങി, അയിലൂർ, കയറാടി, തിരുവഴിയാട്ട്, പോത്തുണ്ടി എന്നീ വില്ലേജുകളിലോരോന്നിലേയും ജനസംഖ്യ എത്രയെന്നു പറയാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ:

നെമ്മാറ	൩,൫൯൨	കയറാടി	൨,൭൪൪
വല്ലങ്ങി	൪,൫൪൩	തിരുവഴിയാട്ട്	൫,൫൩൭
അയിലൂർ	൪,൩൩൦	പോത്തുണ്ടി	൫൪൭

ANCHAL TO CHERUVIRUTHI—TIME REQUIRED

177. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the train which carries Anchal to Cheruviruthi;

(*b*) the time required, according to the present arrangements for a letter posted at Ernakulam to reach (1) Cheruviruthi (2) Chittur?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) It is train No. 925 (last train) which leaves Cochin Harbour Terminus Station at 5-45 p.m. and reaches Shoranur at 10-26 p.m.

(*b*) (1) A letter posted at Ernakulam before 5-20 p.m. reaches Cheruviruthi Anchal Office the same day at 11 p.m. and it is delivered the next morning.

(2) A letter posted at Ernakulam before 5-20 p.m. reaches Chittur at 9-30 a.m. next morning.

PROBLEM OF BEGGARS—SOLUTION OF

178. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what they have done so far for solving the problem of relief to the beggars;

(*b*) have Government approached the Travancore Government and the Government of Madras for concerted action in the matter?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) and (*b*) The whole question is under consideration of the Government.

SUSPENSION OF A MUNICIPAL MAISTRY WITHOUT CALLING FOR EXPLANATION

179. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ മകരമാസത്തിൽ മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തിരുന്ന പി. നീലകണ്ഠൻ എന്ന ഒരു സാനിറ്ററി മേസ്ത്രിയെ എക്സ്പ്ലനേഷൻ കൂടാതെ സസ്പെണ്ടു ചെയ്തതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടു്;

(ബി) ഈ നീലകണ്ഠന്റെ പേരിൽ ഇതിനു മുമ്പു വല്ല നടപടിക്കുറ്റങ്ങളും അധികാരികൾ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതെന്തു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: (എ) മേലധികാരികളോടുള്ള ധിക്കാരമായ പെരുമാറ്റത്തിനും ജോലിയിൽ ഉപേക്ഷകാണിച്ചതിനും.

(ബി) ഉണ്ടു്.

(സി) രണ്ടു തവണ താക്കീതു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഒരു തവണ പിഴയും കല്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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